

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND IRRIGATION**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN KEN (KIM) HANSEN**, on February 7, 2007  
at 3:20 P.M., in Room 405 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Sen. Ken (Kim) Hansen, Chairman (D)  
Sen. Keith Bales (R)  
Sen. Lane L. Larson (D)  
Sen. Gerald Pease (D)  
Sen. Frank Smith (D)  
Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser (R)

##### **Members Excused:**

Sen. John Brueggeman (R)

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Carol Andersen, Committee Secretary  
Doug Sternberg, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only.

They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 406, 2/2/2007; HB 269, 2/2/2007  
Executive Action: HB 269, SB 406

**HEARING ON SB 406**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:00:37 SEN. KEITH BALES (R), SD 20, opened the hearing on SB 406, Revise law on removal of signatures from petitions for predator levies.

**Proponents:**

00:03:37 Barbara Broberg, Montana Women Involved in Farm Economics

00:03:57 Errol Rice, Montana Stockgrowers Association

00:04:41 Karla Johnson, Montana Cattle Women

**Opponents:** None.

**Informational Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:05:19 Sen. Larson to Sen. Bales

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:06:59 Sen. Bales

**HEARING ON HB 269**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:07:24 REP. DIANE RICE (R), HD 71, opened the hearing on HB 269, Revise weed laws.

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**Proponents:**

00:12:45 Greg Ames, Montana Department of Agriculture

00:13:09 John Semple, Montana Grain Growers Association

00:13:33 Barbara Broberg, Montana Women Involved in Farm Economics

00:13:54 Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties  
00:14:39 Pam Langley, Montana Agri Business Association  
00:15:04 Errol Rice, MT. Stockgrowers Association  
00:16:05 Gary Amestoy, Richland County Noxious Weed Corporation  
00:16:57 Katie Kassmier, Montana Farmers Union  
00:17:20 Megan Brower, Montana Farm Bureau  
00:17:53 Karla Johnson, Montana Cattle Women

**Opponents:** None.

**Informational Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:18:23 Sen. Bales to Rep. Rice  
00:19:31 Sen. Bales to Doug Sternberg, LSD  
00:20:08 Sen. Bales

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:20:32 Rep. Rice

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 269**

00:22:14 **Sen. Steinbeisser moved HB 269**  
00:22:16 **Sen. Hansen**

**Discussion:**

00:22:20 **Sen. Larson calls Question**  
00:22:22 **Motion/Vote: SEN. LARSON moved that HB026901.ADS DO PASS. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.**  
00:23:01 **Motion/Vote: SEN. SMITH moved that HB 269 DO PASS AS AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.**  
00:24:00 **Sen. Bales was selected to carry HB 269.**

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 406**

00:23:12   **Sen. Hansen**

00:23:16   **Sen. Bales moved SB 406**

00:23:26   **Sen. Hansen**

**Discussion:**

00:23:32   **Motion/Vote:   SEN. SMITH moved that SB 406 DO PASS.  
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 3:44 P.M.

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SEN. KEN (KIM) HANSEN, Chairman

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CAROL ANDERSEN, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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